

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MASTER TROOPER DARREN ALLEN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional service and the retirement of Master Trooper Darren Allen after 22 years of distinctive service from the Kentucky State Police (KSP).

Since February 1996, Master Trooper Allen has faithfully served the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Throughout his career he has been awarded with the KSP Meritorious Service with a "V" Device, a Lifesaving Medal, and three Commissioner Commendations for his outstanding service.

Master Trooper Allen earned many of these distinctions while serving in the KSP East Drug Enforcement/Special Investigation (DESI) Section and the KSP Cannabis Suppression Branch. His expert knowledge and detective work were instrumental in helping to prevent the use and further distribution of countless narcotics throughout the Commonwealth, and likely the United States, for many years.

I had the pleasure of first getting to know Master Trooper Allen when he was assigned to serve on the prestigious Kentucky Governor's Executive Security Detail in 2003 when we both served at the pleasure of Governor Ernie Fletcher. Since then, Master Trooper Allen has been a friend and an advisor to me and my staff on law enforcement issues and how to best combat the narcotics crisis in this nation.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth Congressional District of Kentucky, I sincerely thank Master Trooper Allen for his service and devotion to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and for always holding the "Thin Gray Line" with honor and integrity.

JOHN CALL, U.S. ARMY WORLD WAR II VETERAN

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. John Call who passed away a year ago on September 3, 2017, at the age of 96. A resident of Cedar Creek, Mr. Call diligently managed his farming operation and retired from the Jim Beam Distillery.

Throughout his career, he was not only a hard-working farmer, but a true patriot who rose beyond the call of duty. Serving in the United States Army during World War II in Alaska, he helped build the Alaska Highway, and served as a barber and member of the military police.

Mr. Call's valiant service in the United States Army is evidence of his dedication to

safeguarding our nation's freedoms and values and is worthy of our deepest respect and admiration. His patriotic spirit and dedication to his country were rivaled only by his fervent commitment to his family and his faith. A devoted member of the Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Mr. Call was an exemplary community servant who continually sought opportunities to better the lives of his fellow citizens.

I join with his family and loved ones—including his wife, Iva Lee Call, his children, and his extended family—in celebrating his lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing his valiant service to our nation. His outstanding legacy of service and compassion lives on in each member of his family and in all those who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH AND GEORGE DEWITT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sarah and George DeWitt of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sarah and George's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MARCUS D. MOREMAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th birthday of Marcus D. Moreman.

Marcus was born on October 13, 1928 in Waverly, Alabama. After finishing high school in Auburn, Alabama, he went into the Army as a private in 1945 at the age of 16.

In 1950, he finished at Auburn University and was recalled into the Army during the Korean War. During his service in Korea, he received a direct commission as 2nd Lieutenant. Later in the Army, he attended the Command and General Staff College and Army Language School where he learned to speak Russian.

In 1968 through 69, he served as a Battalion Commander and a Brigade Executive officer in the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany.

Marcus served two tours of duty in Vietnam as an infantry officer and received a number of combat awards to include the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnamese Silver and Bronze Star medal for gallantry, four United States Bronze Stars medals for Valor, five Air Medals, the Legion of Merit and two Army Commendation medals. He planned and participated in 62 helicopter combat assaults on North Vietnamese forces and was shot down twice during these operations.

He retired from the Army in 1971, and served as Commandant of Cadets or Senior Army Instructor at Lyman Ward Military Academy until 1991. After leaving Lyman Ward, he returned to Waverly and served as mayor from 1991 to 2000.

Marcus is a member of Waverly Methodist Church, Waverly Community Club, American Legion and a former member of the Waverly Town Council, Waverly Planning Commission and Chamber County Development Authority.

On October 20th, family and friends will gather to celebrate his birthday at The Moreman Home in Waverly.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Marcus a very happy birthday.

HONORING CHEF JOSÉ ANDRÉS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chef José Andrés for his selfless contributions to the disaster relief efforts for the Carr Fire and Mendocino Complex Fire in Northern California.

Born and raised in the northern region of Asturias, Spain, Mr. Andrés is an internationally recognized chef and culinary innovator. Following his graduation in 1989 from Escola de Restauració i Hostalatge in Barcelona, Mr. Andrés began his career as an admiral's chef in the Spanish Navy. In 1991, Mr. Andrés moved to the U.S. where he transformed the standards of authentic Spanish food.

Mr. Andrés is known for his innovative cuisine and his award-winning restaurants. He has been honored with multiple awards, including the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from International Association of Culinary Professionals and the 2015 National Humanities Medal.

Mr. Andrés is a committed advocate of food and hunger issues world-wide and a passionate humanitarian. In 2012, he formed World Central Kitchen, a non-profit that provides solutions to hunger and poverty through the power of food to empower communities and strengthen economies.

Mr. Andrés has been instrumental in providing for evacuees, firefighters and first responders of the devastating Northern California wildfires. Mr. Andrés and World Central

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Kitchen have fed thousands of displaced people and first responders for the Carr, Ranch and River Fires. World Central Kitchen joined forces with Guy Fieri, Operation BBQ Relief, local chefs and residents to provide meals to those affected by the fire. World Central Kitchen, with the assistance of these groups, prepared and served over 2,000 meals per day.

Mr. Speaker, José Andrés has contributed tremendously to help our community that has been affected by the fires in Northern California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY “E”
AWARD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colorado Mesa University for its receipt of the President's “E” Award for 2018. The “E” Award is the nation's highest recognition bestowed on those making significant contributions toward expanding American exports.

Institutions of higher education who have received the award are often represented by larger, internationally well-known universities. With an enrollment of just under 11,000, Colorado Mesa University, located in the relatively small city of Grand Junction, Colorado, has demonstrated its ability to compete with the biggest and best in the nation.

Through its International Student Admissions and Programs office, Colorado Mesa University has steadily increased the number of international students enrolled, representing over 30 different countries. While completing their studies, these students contribute significantly to the local economy, but importantly, they also develop local relationships and an appreciation of the many goods and services offered from our nation's smaller communities and the small businesses that call them home.

When these students return to their home countries and begin their professional careers, those relationships forged during their studies can translate into export opportunities for small businesses in Grand Junction and many other small communities in America, who, despite their rich potential, are all too often overlooked. Colorado Mesa University serves an invaluable role in putting Grand Junction, Colorado on the international map and creating new and exciting opportunities for local businesses.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado Mesa University has shown that rural America and our nation's many wonderful small and mid-size colleges can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their urban and larger counterparts in growing American exports. I am honored to recognize their achievement of the President's “E” Award.

HONORING VELMA DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable commu-

nity servant, Velma Davis. Velma has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and the desire to live a long and fruitful life.

Velma Davis was born in 1903 in the Thornton Community of Holmes County. She received her education at the St. Francis Catholic School and attended the Yazoo High School Number Two. Ms. Davis continued her education with courses from Holmes Community College, Jackson State University and the Tuskegee Alabama Institute.

Ms. Davis entered adulthood during a time of great change in Mississippi. It was the era when most of her daily activities took place in segregated facilities. In 1957, Ms. Davis began working at the Kings Daughters Hospital in Yazoo City where she worked for 13 years. She was one of the first African Americans hired to work at Kings Daughters, and she witnessed the changes that slowly took place as the hospital opened its door to the entire community.

After several years had passed, she went to work at the E & W Plant in Yazoo City, where she was involved in the production of clothing. In 1973, she began working for the Headstart in Yazoo City, when it was a part of the Community Action and Cooperative Program. While working at Headstart for over 36 years, Velma maintained a very active social life while being a mother to five children.

She was involved with the American Legion Post No. 201 Women's Auxiliary and the Yazoo Community Action Program, and during that time she worked part time for 24 years with the Warren Yazoo Mental Health.

Velma's long job history includes working for the Centers for Disease Control in Adult Immunizations, part-time sales clerk for two years at the Black and White Department Store, and a CNA for the Betty Pyles Nursing Register for 5 years at the Care Inn in Yazoo City. Ms. Davis worked on the Community Response Emergency Team for six years, an American Red Cross CPR and First Aid Instructor for five years and she worked with the Deep South Organization for four years.

In 2010, Velma retired from Headstart, after three decades of service to the children of Yazoo City. After retirement she got involved with NCBA Program, which trains seniors to do different things so they can be employed. In 2012, she began working at the Yazoo County Human Resources Agency as the activity coordinator where she hosts several activities for seniors such as health screenings, birthday outings and more.

She is an active member of Beulah Land Baptist Church, where she is the vice president of the church choir. Ms. Davis works with MAP Headstart as the Chairperson over the Health Advisory Committee, and holds the office of Treasury of the Yazoo County TRIAD through the District Attorney's Office. She is also a member of the Yazoo County Fair and Civic Leach choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Velma Davis for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

IN HONOR OF JAMES W. MELE FOR
30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. DENHAM, to honor the service of Sheriff James Mele for his 30 years of outstanding leadership in Tuolumne County.

In 1988, he joined the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office as a Jail Deputy Recruit. In just two years he was promoted to Jail Sergeant and then upon graduation from POST Academy in 1990 to Deputy Sheriff. He was a member of the SWAT team and was promoted to Investigator where he was appointed to a drug task force called ACNET. After serving as an Investigator he was promoted to Sergeant. As a Sergeant he supervised in patrol and then as a Narcotics Sergeant in 2003, and Investigations Sergeant in 2005.

Elected Sheriff in 2006, Jim devotedly served the citizens of Tuolumne County for another 12 years. As Sheriff he founded: the Crisis Negotiation Team, the Public Information and Community Outreach team, and the Rural and Agricultural Crimes Unit. He reinvented the K9 program and initiated the Risk, Vulnerability, Assessment, Strategy for school violence. Jim fought for the Sheriff “J.H” Dambacher Detention Center scheduled to open in 2019.

Jim earned his BA in Criminal Justice Management at the Union Institute & University in 2000; his Executive Master of Leadership from the University of Southern California in 2014; and in 2017 graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Jim was awarded the California Association of Tactical Officers “Darrell F. Gates Memorial Police Executive of the Year.” As Sheriff, he served as a member of the California State Sheriffs Association, The California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System 911 Board, and the California Narcotics Officer Association.

Alongside his service to keeping his community safe, Jim has also led several laudable activities: as a Sonora High School football coach, a youth baseball and soccer coach, a Bishop in his Church, a High Councilman of Girls Camp Liahona, a member of the Civic Advisory Board at Adventist Health and Sonora Rotary, and a Scout Master in the Boy Scouts of America; bolstered by his experience of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff James Mele has an incomparable record of protecting and serving his community. He has set an example of outstanding leadership for us all.

TRIBUTE TO SHERYL AND
LEONARD RICHARDSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sheryl and